SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 16th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

(Isaiah 55:3)

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"*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*" (Ephesians 1:3). Who can express fully the blessings of these words; *"in Christ?"* To be *"in Christ"* means to be chosen *"in Him before the foundation of the world"* (Ephesians 1:4). To be *"in Christ"* means that there is now *"no condemnation,"* accepted *"in the Beloved,"* and *"complete in Him."* It means that *"as He is, so are we in this world."* (Romans 8:1, Ephesians 1:6, Colossians 2:10 and 1 John 4:17.) It means everything to be *"in Christ."* [AMEN!]— David Pledger

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Cindy Groover, May 17th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

The Face

"…God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (**2 Corinthians 4:6**)

[Reader,] man has an eternal question to settle. What is the purpose of his existence? Surely we have more purpose than to be born, grow, become men and women, work, make money, buy food, eat, work, make more money, etc. and retire and live happily ever after. Even a fool can see that, yet men are worse than fools.

What then is the purpose? To know, to love, and to walk with God. That is, to see God. How then shall sinful man see God? Our text says that we see God in the face of Jesus Christ. It is enough to see Jesus Christ with the eye of faith, for when we see Him we are of sin, broken, cleansed, and set free from bondage. Everything that God requires is supplied when we see that marred face, spat upon and disfigured by the malice of men. We see not only the light of the knowledge of God, but the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

In the Lord Jesus we see that God's glory consists in the willingness of the Son of God to humble Himself. This is the very opposite of sinners. We see glory in exalting ourselves [Proverbs 20:6 etc].

What does it mean to see God in the face of Jesus Christ? It simply means that we apprehend Him as the supply of our every need and believingly [knowingly] lay hold on Him as such. The Lord Jesus is always seen through the eye of need. We see Him through our desperate need as sinners.

What is the purpose of life? To see the glory of God! How then, seeing that *"No man hath seen God at any time"?* (John 1:18). Here it is: *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST"* [AMEN!] — Jack Shanks

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"…he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father …"

— **God's Son**, **Jesus Christ** our **Lord** and **Master** [Jn 14, 13:13]

Salvation Is Of The Lord

"…Salvation is of the LORD." (**Jonah 2:9**)

Reader, *"Salvation is of the LORD!"* Now, what does this mean? It means very simply this: that God is the only one who does the saving. God begins the work of salvation in the sinner and performs it to glory. Philippians chapter 1 verse 6 declares *"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it* [perfect it] *until the day of Jesus Christ."* Beloved believing sinner, you do not do something to start salvation, nor do you do something to end salvation. All salvation is of God, of His Grace, and for His eternal glory. So that you and I who believe on Christ may do according as it is written, *"glory in the Lord!"* (1 Corinthians 1:30-31) — Pastor

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Reader, do you know the will of our heavenly Father?

"…this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing…" — **God's Son**, **Jesus Christ** our **Lord** and **Master** [John 6]. We call His name JESUS [SAVIOUR] for He shall save His people from their sins.

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That Nothing Be Lost

"…Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." (**John 6:12**)

What a blessed view of the gospel is found in the expression *"that nothing be lost."* Our Lord declares *"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."* And so the disciples *"gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten."* Beloved, just as our Lord commanded the disciples to gather the fragments that nothing be lost; we can see here, without doing any damage to the text, the beautiful reality of the glory of our Sovereign Successful Saviour. Indeed, the beautiful picture of the full and complete salvation of all His people. Beloved, God's remnant people, ALL OF THEM, shall be gathered through the gospel labour of His people, as He uses them in the instrumentality of accomplishing His will and purpose in Christ, *"THAT NOTHING BE LOST."* AMEN! — Pastor